

## Agenda Item 7



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### *Memorandum*

TO: Policy Advisory Council  
FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison  
RE: Staff Liaison Report – May 2015

DATE: May 6, 2015  
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#### **Reminder: Annual Work Plan Meeting With the Commission**

As a reminder, the Policy Advisory Council will hold its annual work plan meeting with the Commission on May 27, 2015, following the morning Commission meetings. Please plan to arrive at the MetroCenter at 11 a.m. Once the morning meetings have adjourned, the Council can be seated, start your meeting with the Commission, and continue meeting during lunch. We anticipate the work plan to conclude no later than 2 p.m. (depending on the start time).

#### **New MTC Commission Vice Chair**

MTC rounded out its new leadership team by unanimously electing Rohnert Park Councilmember Jake Mackenzie to serve as vice chair at its March 26, 2015 meeting. Along with MTC's Chair, Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese, Mackenzie will serve for the two-year term running through February 2017. Mackenzie has already served six-and-a-half years as a MTC commissioner and also serves on the Association of Bay Area Governments.

To read more about Mackenzie's background in the full press release, go to [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press\\_releases/rel677.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/press_releases/rel677.htm)

#### **Recruitment Remains Open for two Vacancies on Policy Advisory Council**

MTC staff continues recruitment for two vacancies on the Policy Advisory Council: one for an individual to represent disabled interests in Contra Costa County and one for an economy or environment representative in Santa Clara County (one was slated to be appointed, but had a conflict of interest). The online application will remain up until both positions are filled. If you know of any organizations or individuals where staff can forward flyers or information, please advise the staff liaison, Pam Grove.

#### **Plan Bay Area 2040 Gets Underway**

By the time you read this, several of nine Bay Area open houses planned for the first round of public outreach for Plan Bay Area 2040 will already be complete. But there will still be many opportunities to participate and comment during this multi-year planning effort.

### **Plan Bay Area 2040 Gets Underway (continued)**

Bay Area residents who attend this first round of open houses will have the opportunity to view displays and offer comments on long-term goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light-duty trucks, house the region's projected population, improve public health, maintain the region's transportation infrastructure and preserve open space, among others. Displays will also feature the schedule and key milestones for the plan update, offer information on how new housing and employment is forecast, and provides information on transportation improvements in the works at the county and regional level.

Open Houses have already occurred in several counties, but an online open house will be available at [www.planbayarea.org](http://www.planbayarea.org), so encourage your friends and acquaintances to get involved via the web if they cannot attend in person.

And there are still upcoming open houses in May the following counties:

#### **Thursday, May 7 – 6 pm to 8 pm**

- **Napa County:** Napa Elks Lodge, 2840 Soscol Avenue, Napa
- **Solano County:** Hilton Garden Inn, 2200 Gateway Court, Fairfield
- **Sonoma County:** 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Friedman Center, 4676 Mayette Ave., Santa Rosa

#### **Wednesday, May 13 – 7 pm to 9 pm**

- **San Francisco City & County:** Hotel Whitcomb, 1231 Market Street, San Francisco

#### **Thursday, May 28 – 5 pm to 7 pm**

- **Marin County:** Marin County Civic Center Cafe, 3501 Civic Center Drive, 2nd Floor, San Rafael

### **Bike to Work Day is Thursday, May 14**

It's the 21<sup>st</sup> year of Bike to Work Day, and the Bay Area is expecting this year's celebration to be a nine-county-wide party on wheels.

Held during National Bike Month each May, Bike to Work Day is one of the region's premier bicycling events. Presented by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), 511 and Kaiser Permanente, Bike to Work Day encourages Bay Area residents to try commuting on two wheels for the first time and celebrates those who bike to work regularly.

In addition to simply riding their bikes to work, participants can get snacks and beverages at one of the many energizer stations, register for prizes, take part in the Team Bike Challenge, the Company Bike Challenge, and nominate someone as Bike Commuter of the Year in their county.

For more information on Bike to Work Day, and to register for the day's events, go to <http://www.youcanbikethere.com/>

## **Executive Director's Report**

The following items were in the April 2015 Executive Director's Report to the Commission:

- ***AC Transit Leadership Change – April 9, Oakland***  
Kathleen Kelly has been named interim general manager of AC Transit following the unexpected departure of David Armijo last month. Kathleen most recently served a similar role for the Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority, after a lengthy public transit career during which she worked at AC Transit, BART, and the San Francisco Municipal Railway.
- ***Stand Up 4 Transportation Event – April 9, San Francisco***  
Chair Cortese emceed and Commissioners Licardo, Sartipi and Wiener participated in this very successful press event sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association to emphasize the importance of the U.S. Congress passing a long-term surface transportation bill this year. Many thanks to Randy Rentschler and his staff for all the legwork associated with putting the day together. Video highlights of the event can be found here: [http://mtc.ca.gov/news/video/su4t\\_event.htm](http://mtc.ca.gov/news/video/su4t_event.htm).

To read the April 2015 Executive Director's report to the Commission in its entirety, go to [http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed\\_report.htm](http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/ed_report.htm).